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PHMS' New Programs Help Raise Optimism

By Lysa Allman

Potrero Hill Middle School (PHMS) has been a part of the Hill for the past 25 years, but student enrollment has steadily declined, leaving both parents and teachers worried that its doors may close.

Fighting a negative image that has become associated with the Hill, PHMS continues to demonstrate that it has a lot to offer students and parents, as well as to the community at-large.

Robin Brasso, Research Specialist Teacher who works with children with learning disabilities, has been at PHMS since it first opened its doors. Although never feeling unsafe herself at the school, Brasso acknowledges that safety is a major concern of parents. "I know that there have been issues and problems with youngsters going into areas where they aren't supposed to be, but we would like to reach out to the community, and make sure that we're working together. But I think it's really important that if people make the assumption that Potrero Hill Middle School, because it is on Potrero Hill, is a bad and dangerous school...well that's not true."

To that end, the school will be implementing a Safe School Program, where business owners and residents of the neighborhood can become agents for the school and students. Participants will agree to display a designated sign in their window(s), showing students that they can turn to that particular location for help if they find themselves in physical danger or in need of emergency medical attention. The "agent" will then contact whomever is appropriate, the school, the police, or 911.

Confident that this new program will benefit all involved, Brasso affirms that the merchants and residents will not be "upset with the kids, and the kids know that they can go to these places for help. It would be advantageous for the school and community to see how they can become involved."

Another contributing factor to the loss of students at PHMS is due to the withdrawal of some 40 6th graders bused to the school from Treasure Island. Even though many military bases are steadily phasing out, Treasure Island among them, the Island petitioned the San Francisco Unified School District to expand its own elementary school to include 6th grade, eventually encompassing 7th and 8th graders as well.

PHMS has made it one of its primary goals to demonstrate their commitment to the students, to the ongoing and future projects with which it is involved, and to show that the public schools can be just as good, if not better, than private institutions.

Of the current 450-plus members of the student body, Spanish speakers constitute 41.4 percent; African Ameri-

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Potrero Hill resident John Jaundzems examines oil spill damage to this boat, docked at the Mission Rock Resort. Source of the oil leak, in the background, is the Mohican at Pier 70. Vas Amautoff photo

cans 22.5 percent; Filipinos 17.1 percent; Chinese 1.8 percent; American Indians 1.1 percent; and other non-whites 9.4 percent. The remaining 6.8 percent are Caucasian in a neighborhood where the residents are approximately 65 percent Caucasian. This further demonstrates how many parents opt to send their children out of the residence zone to other, often private schools.

Nancy Statler, one of PHMS's Counselors, believes the school's negative reputation has been blown out of proportion. "I was assigned here last year, and when I told people, I got condolences—and I mean school people, not just the public," she said. Familiar with some of the city's private schools, Statler says their teachers and programs often do not meet the individual needs of the children, and emphasizes, "I would put this school against any other public school and the private schools that my friends are sending their kids to. I love this school—the way this staff works together—I love being here. I want to see Potrero Hill people sending their children here."

Along with the Safety Program, the addition of uniforms appears to be on the horizon, with three out of four parents approving them. Not only do uniforms eliminate the problems sometimes associated with gang clothing and colors and the stigmatization of economic division, it also can couple school

clothing with the appropriate "school" behavior and mindset.

The Spring, 1996 report to the School District on PHMS's progress included several noteworthy items. Foremost, in January of this year the school boasted 191 students on the Honor Roll. This is more than one-third of the total student body, and an increase of 25 Honor Roll students over the previous year. Secondly, the staff has been very successful in its implementation of a schoolwide program to improve attendance, the class in each grade level with the best attendance record in first period receiving a special breakfast, commemorative photo and banner with their class name. Other areas that exhibited major improvements in student performance included conflict resolution workshops; ongoing one-on-one development on E-Mail, CD Roms and the Internet; and in-depth cross-cultural

clubs, assemblies and mentorships.

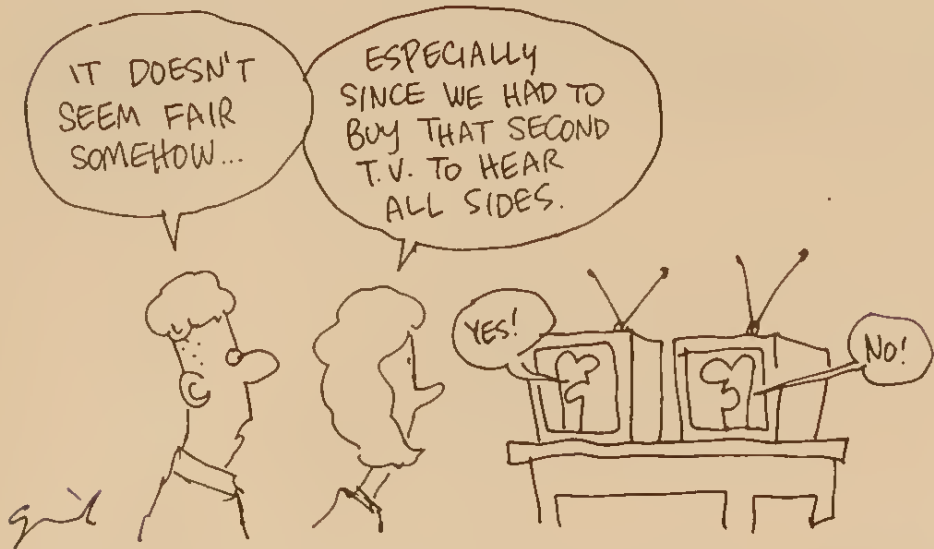
In the Targeting Students for Success Program, counselors first identify students at risk of failing their grade for a variety of factors. They then match these students with staff members and volunteer student tutors from San Francisco State University, who work with them intensively. Through weekly progress reports and counseling sessions, 11 of the 12 students in the program improved, with six able to pass on to the next grade. Not only does the program target those at-risk, it also identifies those who are highly motivated students, have parents who are involved with the school, and have demonstrated their potential to go on to college.

Through these and other programs, the report states, "There has been a major change in students' attitudes

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The Paradoxes Behind District, Proportional Votes

Historically, members of *The View* staff have been strong supporters of election procedures that try to ensure accountability, that give San Francisco's neighborhoods — as well as big, downtown business — a voice in running the city, and that reflect the many viewpoints and backgrounds that make up our town.

Why, then, do we not recommend either a YES or NO vote on Props G and H, which would institute district elections and proportional voting, respectively? Certainly, it is not for a lack of strong feelings about the measures. Rather, I think, it is because the debates about both these propositions embody in a crucial way many of the paradoxes (and sometimes even contradictions) the city currently experiences between finding ways to work together and finding ways to reflect and ensure diversity.

When district elections was proposed several decades ago, it seemed to be the only way to ensure that neighborhoods would have a voice against the entrenched, conservative power of downtown.

In those years, supporters of district elections also pointed out that no member of a community of color had ever been elected citywide without first having been appointed to the Board of Supervisors; districts would be the best way to ensure diversity on the Board. But now, a number of representatives of the African American and gay communities, for example, note that their constituencies are spread out in the city and do not constitute enough of a bloc in any district to ensure election of a member of their community.

This is why many people support Prop H, which, through a tiered system of proportional voting, would enable voters to rank candidates and would help a candidate get elected with the votes to rank candidates and would help a candidate get elected with the votes of far fewer people than in the current citywide system.

While there is some support among us for the idea of proportional voting, a number of us share a concern that what makes the measure so popular for some — the ability of an officeholder to appeal to a narrower community than in a citywide vote — is also potentially its weakness. We believe the members of the Board of Supervisors, indeed, any city body, naturally bring to their office their experiences as people of color, or workers, or women, or gays or lesbians, or, more likely, some combination of all those, and more. But in order for the city to be governed fairly and effectively, public officials must look at the issues and the needs of the entire city. If officeholders and candidates can get elected primarily with the votes of a specific constituency — a sort of virtual district — we are concerned that their focus may eventually narrow, which will only fragment and polarize city government.

Judy Baston



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State Propositions

204	Water Supply Act	YES
205	Local Correction Facilities Bonds	NO
206	Veterans' Bonds	YES
207	Attorneys' Fees	N/R
208	Campaign Contributions	NO
209	Ends All Affirmative Action	NO, NO, NO
210	Increases Minimum Wage	YES
211	Attorney-Client Fees	N/R
212	Campaign Contributions	YES
213	Uninsured Motorist Recovery Limits	NO
214	Health Care Consumer Protection	YES
215	Medical Use of Marijuana	YES
216	Health Care Consumer Protection	YES
217	Restores Top Tax Bracket	YES
218	Voter Approval Increase	NO

City & County Propositions

A	Affordable Housing Bonds	YES
B	De Young Museum Replacement Bonds	YES
C	Cost-of-Living Adjustments	YES
D	Firefighters Pension Increase	YES
E	Negotiated Retirement Benefits	YES
F	Board of Supervisors Salary Increase	YES
G	District Elections	N/R
H	Preference Voting	N/R
I	Police, Fire Commission Duties	N/R
J	Taxicab Permit Sales	NO

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Prop 209: Misunderstanding Affirmative Action Programs

Prop. 209, the so-called "Civil Rights Initiative," is a result of the misunderstood and subsequently misused ruling of affirmative action. Because of the civil rights legislation instituted in the 1960s, affirmative action was designed to overcome the effects of past discrimination by equalizing the representation of typically under-represented groups, generally people of color and women, in areas of employment, education and contracting.

Unfortunately, many mistook affirmative action to mean that quotas had to be met in hiring and entrance practices. There were no quotas; in fact, quotas have been deemed illegal. And unfortunately, many mistook affirmative action to mean that people of color had been, and would be, hired even if they lacked proper qualifications. Not only was there no such requirement, but you would be hard pressed to find any organizations who have hired unqualified personnel, believing they were forced to because of affirmative action.

Unfortunately, some people began to blame affirmative action for not securing a job or not gaining acceptance to a particular school. But if Proposition 209 passes, it will be detrimental to everyone. It will eliminate school programs such as women's studies, outreach, mentorships, financial aid and more. It will make it harder for businesses owned by people of color and/or women to receive government contracts. It will remove individuals from careers that were once dominated by white men — individuals to whom today's ethnically diverse youth look as role models. In short, it will disallow anything that is tailored toward a particular group of people.

If affirmative action had been properly implemented since its inception and if representation of people of color and women had been brought to a more equitable level over the past 30 or more years, then this proposition might have some merit. But it was not, therefore it does not. This proposition is clearly designed to drive people of color and women back out of the workforce, and to keep them out. This proposition is clearly designed to deny people of color and women (people who do, by the way, constitute the majority), the ability to work with dominant "minority."

Vote NO on Proposition 209.

But do not simply vote NO on 209; rather do your part to force employers, educational institutions and our government to utilize affirmative action in the manner in which it was intended. Hopefully, some day, affirmative action will not be necessary.

Lysa Allman



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WE GATHER TOGETHER

The library's second-floor meeting room is becoming a more dynamic part of the community as more and more groups and organizations utilize it for meetings, rehearsals, slide lectures, workshops and seminars. Among the groups who use it these days are Atari Bay Area Computer Users (ABACUS), Potrero Boosters and Merchants, Potrero Women's Club, Starr King Park organization, Lower Potrero Hill organizations, Word for Word, Women Screenwriters, Potrero Hill Parents Assn., the IRS . . . you name it!

On Saturday, Nov. 2 at 4 p.m. the last in a series of discussions of the ideas of Alexandre de Tocqueville will take place there, led by David Matsude, Potrero Hill resident and Adjunct Professor of Anthropology at Cal State Hayward. The first two of these discussions were lively and engaging, and you don't have to have attended the first two to participate in the final session.

A fiction writers group that meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, wants to invite any interested writers who are writing novels to join the group.

The meeting room has a few simple rules: your organization must fill out a form requesting use of it and agree to abide by the Library Commission rules that regulate use of the room; no fees may be charged for events held in the room, and every event must be open to the public. Refreshments may be served but that must be made explicit when applying for use of the room. There is a six-month limit for regular use by any one group, and then your application must be renewed.

INTERGENERATIONAL JOURNEY EXHIBITION

Thanks to the efforts of Barrett Heaton, Enola Maxwell, and Shannon

Morris, the Potrero Library will host an exhibition of photos and interviews of seven individuals over the age of 50 conducted by a group of young people, ages 11-18. The exhibition will open with an informal reception on Friday, Nov. 1, at 2 p.m., and close on Saturday, Nov. 30.

GIVING THANKS TO THOSE WHO GIVE TO THE LIBRARY

Thanks to Michael, Peter, and Nicholas for showing your appreciation for library lapsits in such a sweet way. And thanks to the anonymous donor who drops off his *Readers Digest* each month, and will now be bringing us *Pi* magazine as well. And thanks to Bernie Gershtater for his monthly donation of *The American Artist* magazine. Your generosity gives the library its "personality," and we offer our thanks.

AWARD-WINNING STORYTELLER OFFERS NATIVE-AMERICAN TALES

On Saturday, Nov. 2, at 4 p.m. in the Children's Room, storyteller Johnny Moses will delight young and old alike with his award-winning tales from the Native American tradition. Highly recommended — not to be missed!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Infant-Toddler Lapsits are every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. except for Thanksgiving Day, when the library is closed. Pre-school Storytimes are every Thursday at 4 p.m., except Thanksgiving Day. The video "Dragon Stew" will be shown on Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER

* Friedman, Gary J. "A Guide to Divorce Mediation: How to Reach a

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TEN YEARS AGO

In The View.

MERCHANTS PETED AT NABE BENEFIT:

A group of long-time neighborhood merchants who had over the years made significant contributions to the quality of life on Potrero Hill were honored at the annual fund-raiser for the Neighborhood House held on October 19, 1986, showered with certificates, proclamations and the good wishes of a standing-room-only crowd at the Nabe were: Barbara and Spiro Asimos (Asimakopoulos Restaurant); Pete and Smaro Chiotras (Chiotras Grocery); Ray Cicerone (Cicerone Realty), Phil De Andrade (Goat Hill Pizza), Mary Price (Mary Price Flowers), Cliff Wong and Dave Bonelli (Atchison's Pharmacy), Jack and Helen Woo (Potrero Terrace Market), and Kayren Hudiburn and Lester Zeidman (Good Life Grocery).

HILL FIGHTS CITY HALL AND WINS:

A belief in the ability to fight City Hall, coupled with persistent organized action, paid off when the Board of Supervisors voted opposition to a proposed auto wrecking yard at Army St. and Evans Ave. Spearheaded by the Parkview Heights Homeowners Against the Junkyard, led by Marvin Schwartz, the protest convinced the Supervisors' Public Protection Committee to oppose the plan, which initially had Mayor Dianne Feinstein's support. That action forced the Mayor to back down, and the full Board concurred.

SHOWPLACE EXPANSION WINS OK:

The City Planning Commission issued a conditional use permit and approved rezoning for three additions to the Showplace Square area—a 274 suite hotel at Eighth and Townsend streets and the Contract Center II and Pan Pacific Building adjoining it on that block. Hill opinions on the project were divided, with the Potrero Hill Boosters and Merchants in support and the Potrero League of Active Neighbors (PLAN) expressing concern with "the uses that always seem to take place around a hotel—bars, nightclubs, drugs and prostitution."

THIS AND THAT:

The Hill library hosted a live demonstration of Medieval arms and armor by members of the Society for Creative Anachronism...St. Teresa's Parish issued an appeal on behalf of its sister parish of Majiscanos in El Salvador, which was devastated by an earthquake...The Potrero Hill Womens' Club offered a fashion show at the Daniel Webster school...Mario (Marty) De Rosa, "a kind, soft spoken and gentle family man who cared about his neighborhood and his community" died in October 1986, at age 73. The family grocery store was a fixture at 20th and Arkansas streets for more than half of this century...The Julian Theatre, plagued by financial problems, left the theater space at the Nabe after 18 years at that venue...Theatre Rhinoceros was planning to present the drama "Life of the Party" for four weekends at the Nabe playhouse...Hill resident Maureen Mc Verry "an actress and softball player," was starring in "The Rocky Horror Show" at the Theatre on the Square...Work on the Hill mural at 17th and Connecticut streets was set to begin and the muralists Nicole Emmanuel and Brooke Fancher were inviting Hill neighbors to "drink and nibble" with them at the Jackdaw Restaurant (Connecticut Yankee now)...In the classifieds, the owner of a 1969 Chrysler Imperial once owned by Joe Di Maggio was looking for garage space on the Hill.

AND 20 YEARS AGO:

Art Agnos "easily beat his opposition" and became the new Assemblyman representing the 16th Assembly District. And San Francisco approved the election of Supervisors by district, the measure carrying by 2-to-1 on Potrero Hill.

— Vas Arnautoff

GETTING INVOLVED

ROSES (Residents of the Southeast Sector) meets the first Thursday of each month (Nov. 7) with members of the San Francisco Police Dept. to discuss issues of public concern. Meetings take place at 7 p.m. in the Community College - downstairs - at 1800 Oakdale at Phelps, off Bayshore. This month's agenda will consider the effects on our community of measures such as welfare changes and immigration restrictions. Guest speakers will include representatives from the Mayor's Office; the Dept. of Public Health; the Department of Human Services; Tax Assessor Doris Ward; Dean of S.F. City College Frank Chong; Pat Christianson of the S.F. Chamber of Commerce and Marvin Warren, representing the Council of District Merchants.

Potrero Hill Health Center Advisory Board will meet this month on the third Monday (Nov. 18) for a potluck dinner/meeting. The public is invited as always; and, since the group is currently seeking new board members, they would especially urge anyone interested in serving to attend; at the Health Center, 1050 Wisconsin St., 7 p.m.

Potrero Hill Democratic Club meets the second Tuesday of each month (Nov. 12). Guest speaker will be David Binder, pollster, with an analysis of the election results. Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St.; 7 p.m.

Starr King Park Board meets the second Wednesday of the month (Nov. 13) in the upstairs meeting room of the Potrero Hill Library, 1616-20th St. at 7 p.m. This group — also in search of new Board members (2) — encourages those interested to attend, with a brief summary of their background and reasons they might wish to serve. Also, the monthly Saturday morning work party will convene as usual on the third Saturday (Nov. 16) at 10:30 a.m. on Carolina St. between 23rd and Parkview Heights. Trash removers and weeders will be happy to find that at last 'tis the season to be — planting!

PLAN (Potrero League of Active Neighbors) meets on the third Wednesday of each month, (Nov. 20) in the Jackson Park Playground, Arkansas at Mariposa Sts.: at 7:30 p.m. Slated for discussion this month: an update on the Mission Bay project and a "State of the Stadium" report.

Potrero Hill Boosters and Merchants meets on the last Tuesday of the month (Nov. 26). The Boosters are so pleased by the opening of the new S.F. campus of the venerable California College of Arts & Crafts right at the bottom of the Hill, they are holding their Nov. meeting there to celebrate. Of course we are all invited. It's at 6 p.m. at 450 Irwin St., between 7th and 8th Streets, one-half block north of 16th Street. The Boosters will be in the auditorium.

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Dogs and Damage

EDITOR:

To all dog walkers, dog lovers, any concerned citizens of Jackson Recreation Center. I am the gardener at Jackson. It is my job to upkeep the park. It is especially my job to maintain the two softball diamonds. Done properly, it takes the time it takes for an unleashed dog to run across the diamond, they are ruined.

Let me put this in terms we can all understand. You, the citizens of San Francisco, pay my salary. I work hard for what you pay me. But every time an unleashed dog destroys the work I have done, you lose money. I still get paid. Once the fields are watered down, I can't repair any damage done by the dogs who are allowed to run wild.

Jackson Park has signs at all four entrances stating dogs must be kept leashed at all times. That is because this park is a sports complex, not a dog run. The neighborhood's legal dog run is located below McKinley Square at 20th and San Bruno. Dogs are free to run off leash only at legal dog runs.

I enjoy working at Jackson, especially because for 25 years I have used and play on the Jackson Park fields, and will continue to provide safe, playable fields, some ornamental color, and a clean facility. But remember, every time an unleashed dog destroys my work, you just threw away money. Think real hard about this next time you bring your dog to Jackson.

Dennis Wade
SF Rec & Park Dept
Jackson Recreation Center Gardner

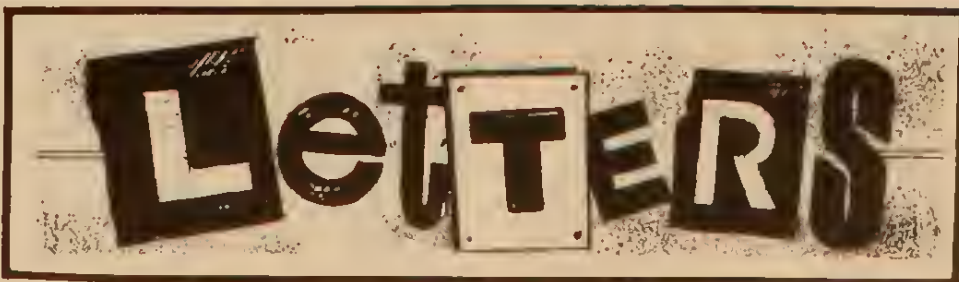
Classes Wanting

EDITOR:

I recently was one of a very few people who attended a community meeting at Jackson Recreation Center located on Mariposa and Arkansas Sts. The agenda of the meeting was to discuss the recreational needs of the community, from tots to seniors. For many years the community asked the Recreation & Park Dept. for a daytime director. Our dream came true as of May, 1996 when Jill Breslauer came to Jackson Rec from Cow Hollow where she had been for 18 years.

Jill has begun some children's programs this fall, but word has not reached everyone yet. She is very anxious to fill her classes, and would like to add additional programs for adults, but she needs input from the community. Other neighborhoods have ongoing programs that are filled to capacity, such as dance, tai chi, aerobics, and arts & crafts, to name a few.

If the classes do not get filled we could possibly lose our daytime director.



and even worse, the facility could eventually house Rec & Park offices, which means we will never have a chance to recover these programs.

If you have a special interest or have any ideas for upcoming day or evening programs, please drop by Jackson Rec Center and talk with the directors, Jill Breslauer or Gary Siri, Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. or call them at 554-9527.

Potrero Hill Resident
(Name withheld upon request)

Yes on 210 and 217

EDITOR:

I am not one to argue that we can solve all our problems at the ballot box, but there are two propositions on the ballot this November that I think can make some real difference in the way we live.

The first is Proposition 210, which would raise the minimum wage to \$5.75 an hour. This won't make the folks who do some of the hardest and dirtiest work rich, but it will give them a much-needed raise, and hopefully keep some from landing on the streets. The feds just raised the minimum wage from \$4.25 to \$4.75, but that mere 50 cents an hour is far from what the 2.1 million Californians working at minimum wage jobs need and deserve. Of these workers, 80% are adults, and 1.4 million are women. Give them a break and vote Yes on Proposition 210.

Another important initiative is Proposition 217. This Proposition provides a little economic justice at the other end of the socio-economic scale. It would stop a scheduled state income tax cut that will benefit only the wealthiest 1 percent of California taxpayers and save about \$800 million a year for schools and community services. The folks scheduled to get this tax cut are couples making \$230,000 a year in taxable income, or individuals with taxable income over \$115,000. Those folks need a tax cut a lot less than our schools need librarians or our parks need clean and safe restrooms. Please vote YES on Proposition 217.

Both Proposition 210 and Proposition 217 have been endorsed by organizations ranging from the California PTA to the Potrero Hill Democratic Club.

Marc Norton
29th Street

For the Stadium

EDITOR:

After reading last month's letter by Yvonne Gavre, I felt I needed to respond. I am also a resident of "The Hill" (15 years) and have my business located here as well. Ms. Gavre was near hysterical in her worries about traffic and parking with the new stadium. I think she was brainwashed by the No on B supporters who were resoundly defeated.

I voted against the stadium the first go-around as it was to be located at 7th and Townsend and would have impacted our neighborhood. The new stadium being built at China Basin is totally different. It is far enough away that I believe no one would even think of parking in our neighborhood. It is just too far to walk!

There is plenty of parking between Potrero Hill and the stadium if fans want to drive, and many of the Giants supporters in the South Bay will take the train as it is easier and drops them off at the stadium. Public transportation for San Francisco residents will also be used due to the simplicity and location.

I'm glad she mentioned that residents of Potrero Hill may be included on the Citizens Advisory committee. Who do I call to join up? I'd like to show that there are an equal number of stadium supporters who live and work on "The Hill."

Rick Mariani
Vermont St.

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Diversity Needed

EDITOR:

Cornell Correction Facility, a private jail, does not belong on Potrero Hill. Where does it belong? In the Presidio. Why? Because the Presidio has many, many buildings which were specifically constructed as dormitories, barracks, even jails. And these buildings are vacant and looking for tenants working for social good in the public sector.

Moreover, there is now a concentration of social service providers in the southeast part of San Francisco, the Potrero Hill area, and relatively few social-service providers in the northwest part of the city, the Presidio area. A little diversity in distribution is overdue.

Lewis Epstein
Vermont Street

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Thursdays, 7:00 pm

FACILITIES:

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Gymnasium and recreational space
Meeting spaces available for use by community groups
Mini-perk

ACTIVITIES & SERVICES:

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• Arts and Crafts
• Food Distribution
• Gang Prevention
• Girls/Boys Club
• Graffiti Paint Out
• Juvenile Probation
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• Job Readiness
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THE EXHIBITION

An Inter-generational Journey Voices of Experience and Action

is traveling to the Potrero Hill Branch of the
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A Documentary conducted by Potrero Hill Neighborhood House youth, sponsored by a grant from The Northern California Grant Makers.



November 1st through November 30th 1996
~ Opening reception Wednesday November 13th 6 - 7pm~
At the Potrero Hill Branch Library, 1616 20th Street.

Project participants interviewed and photographed eight people over the age of fifty on July 30th and Aug. 1st 1996.



The exhibit will consist of photographs and quotes representing each of the eight interviews.

New Programs Help Raise Optimism at Hill School

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about school and doing homework. Getting extra help through tutors, small counseling sessions, personal attention and encouragement made the difference."

PHMS' student programs include community service, exemplified by the donation to the homeless of food grown in the school garden; volunteering at the SPCA and other organizations; recycling projects and canned food drives; the ability to participate in Fine Arts—Art, Drama, Vocal and Band; Athletic programs; the school's teams consistently winning district-wide championships; and a bilingual program, among others.

Parent involvement has continued to grow, with the PTA becoming larger and more active. In the works is an international night and a festival. The

biweekly newsletter sent home with students includes a calendar of events, updates on a variety of school programs and issues, reprints of newspaper articles relevant to the school or the district, and personal notes from teachers to parents and students. Parent education programs will include communication workshops, further integrating parents into the school process.

A number of parents serve on the Site Council, the major decision-making body of the school. Required by the state to consist of a specific number of parents, teachers, students, paraprofessionals, the school principal, and members of the community, the Council controls certain school budget items and makes decisions relative to other campus functions. Brasso stresses it is a major part of the school.

Nearly 50 other programs and services are available to, and utilized by the school, including a support group for African American males; Girl Scouts; the Edgewood Kinship Program; Middle School Police Partnership; the Public Library; the San Francisco Boys' and Girls' Clubs; T.A.P.P. (Teenage Pregnancy Prevention); Youth in Action; and Sportsbridge, a mentoring program designed to involved young women in athletic and sporting events.

Renee French, Assistant Principal at PHMS for the past three years, a former SFUSD student and a 30-year employee of the District, said, "The whole tone (of PHMS) has changed. It is more student-centered than subject centered, with more teacher collaboration. This is a family and we sit down and see what we can do for our kids."



AWARD FOR YOUNG ARTIST



Winners in a citywide poster contest were given their prizes at a special ceremony in the Yerba Buena Center October 5. Above: 16-year-old Potrero Hill resident Gregory Curry receives his award from actor Danny Glover. The contest was sponsored by the San Francisco Art Commission and the San Francisco Children and Youth Summit. Curry, along with co-winner, 11-year-old Ranisha Williams, also from the Hill, are enrolled in an art program at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House. A prize of \$100 was also presented to the two winners.

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Locals Feel the Effect As Big Oil Spill Hits Area

By Vas Arnautoff

As cleanup crews worked around the clock to contain the 8,000 gallons of bunker oil spilled into Central Basin just east of Potrero Hill Oct. 28, boat owners and waterfront businesses in the vicinity of the accident prepared to deal with the effects.

The spill occurred when fuel tank valves in a ship undergoing maintenance at San Francisco Drydock Inc. at Pier 70 were left open, according to the U.S. Coast Guard. Some 80,000 gallons poured into the drydock but only about a tenth of that reached the bay waters.

Quick response by the shipyard to the 4 p.m. accident on the 800-foot Mohican helped contain the bulk of the spillage. However the floating booms could not prevent the spread of much of the oil when heavy wind and rain struck that night.

The effects of the accident were most evident at Mission Rock Resort and at the adjoining San Francisco Boat Works.

John Jaundzems, a Potrero Hill resident who has kept a boat at Mission Rock

for more than 10 years, is now ready to move from that area, perhaps to Sierra Point Marina farther south. Rucfully checking the thickly coated hull of his boat, the Kai Manu, Jaundzems cited the number of minor spills in the area, one as recent as the middle of October, as an incentive to change berths.

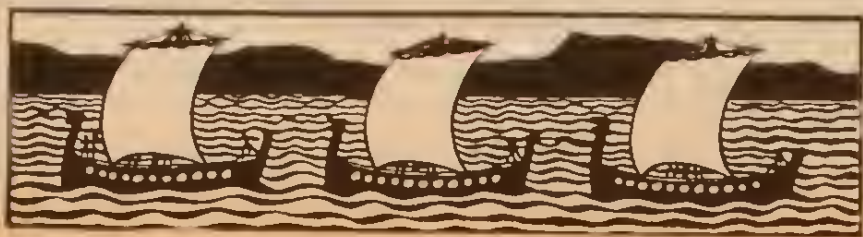
However, such a move, indeed, any boat traffic into or out of Mission Rock or the San Francisco Boat Works, is hampered by the floating booms that effectively seal off the small-boat harbor.

At the Boat Works, chandlery manager Douglas Fredebaugh is preparing for the anticipated rush for cleaning solvents by boat owners from as far north as the South Beach Marina just north of China Basin. There, an estimated 150 of the 700 boats berthed at the harbor have been dirtied. "As soon as the owners find out that ordinary detergents or solvents don't work, they'll be here," said Fredebaugh.

At View press time, damage to wildlife appeared minimal, though other casualties to the spillage may appear later. Some estimates put the possibility of up to 100 injured birds turning up over time.



The Mohican, source of the spillage of October 28, is in drydock at Pier 70.
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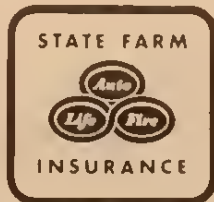
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Learn about current surgical techniques to correct nearsightedness and astigmatism — from lasers to corneal implants — at UCSF Dept. of Ophthalmology, Nov. 19, 6 p.m. Call 476-5021 for details and directions.

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Blue Grass music and art will featured Nov. 14, 7-11 p.m. at Caffe SOMA, 1601 Howard St., in a benefit for neighborhood beautification and graffiti removal. For a suggested donation of \$5 the audience will get an evening of music by the Babar Jug Band, and an art exhibit and sale. For more info call Debby Artz-Mor, 255-7200, ext. 34.



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Continuing a popular holiday tradition, the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco's Chanukah Store opens Nov. 18 in the center's lobby, through Dec. 10. The store will feature menorahs, chocolates, toys, wrapping paper, cards and other traditional Judaica marking the eight-day Festival of Lights. The JCC is located at 3200 California St., corner of Presidio. For more info call 292,1241.

The S.F. Center for the Book will present its inaugural exhibition, "The Pages of Sin: Beat-Era Book Arts," Nov. 14, with a reception from 6-8 p.m. at 300 De Haro St. The Center is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the art of visual word, and this exhibit, which runs through Jan. 12, 1997, also features photographs by Harry Redl, one of the Beat generation's chroniclers. Call 565-0545 for more info.

The S.F. Recycling Program is looking for volunteers to assist with Holiday Waste Prevention and Recycling campaigns. To find out more, attend a brief orientation meeting Nov. 5 and Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m., 1145 Market St., Suite 401, or call 554-3404.

Volunteers are needed at Shanti to provide emotional support and practical assistance to people with HIV/AIDS. Trainings are held every other month in San Francisco, with the next trainings taking place Nov. 8-10 and 15-16 in English, and Dec. 14-15 in Spanish, and again in January and March. Please call 864-2273 to apply.

The S.F. Planning Dept.'s Office of Environmental Review is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the Third Street Light Rail Project proposed by MUNI. Public comments concerning the potential environmental effects of this project are welcome at two meetings this month: Nov. 20, 6-9 p.m. at the ANA Hotel, 50 Third St., and Nov. 21, 6-9 at the Southeast Community Center, 1600 Oakdale Ave. For more info regarding the proposed project or the project approval process contact Sue Olive of MUNI, 923-6100.

The newly opened g2 Arts Center, 1695-18th St. between Arkansas and De Haro Streets, presents a premiere of "Girl-friend," a solo stage and video performance by Deke Weaver Nov. 13-17. Tickets are available at the door. Call 626-0447 for info about times and tickets.



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The San Francisco Green Ribbon Panel seeks nominations for its fourth annual Environmental Achievement Awards. The year's focus is on energy conservation, hazardous materials reduction and landscape water conservation. All S.F. businesses and non-profit organizations are eligible. The Panel also provides a speakers bureau to inform any city group about these environmental issues. To nominate a business or request a speaker, call 554-6505, or write P.O. Box 460173, S.F. 94146-0173.

On Nov. 8, St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church will host a performance and dance party to celebrate its first anniversary at 500 De Haro St. The evening's events begin with a performance by Bay Area artists and continue with an evening of dance and revelry. There will be a cash bar for drinks, and the suggested donation for the evening is \$12.

The Lawrence Pech Dance Co. presents world premieres of specially written works at Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St., Nov. 7, 8 and 9, at 8 p.m., and Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. Call 621-7797 for more info.

On Nov. 9 at 10 a.m. interested individuals are invited to attend the S.F. Zoo's Docent Training Orientation to learn more about Participating in this program. After training, docent volunteers can lead tours, teach summer school classes or visit Bay Area schools with animals in the ZooMobile. For more info call the Zoo Education Dept. at 753-7073.

In addition to getting a flu vaccination, a few helpful hints for staying healthy this winter include: Washing your hands frequently (germs can be on everything we handle); dress appropriately for the weather; increase the amounts of fresh fruits and vegetables in your diet; increase the amount of fluids you drink, especially water and fruit juices; get adequate rest; if you are ill, stay home; avoid crowded areas if at all possible (air borne germs spread easily; use the stairs instead of elevators).

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Anti-Rape activists are needed to support sexual assault survivors at the S.F. Women Against Rape center. Training begins Nov. 12. For more information call Anne, 861-2024.

The directors at Jackson Playground, 17th and Arkansas Streets, are asking for assistance in finding out what activities should be implemented during the weekday evening hours. Directors Gary Siri and Jill Breslaur ask for Hill residents' input as to what should be provided. Contact them either by coming to the playground in person or by calling them at 554-9527 Monday through Sunday.

Men and women aged 18-40, or over 70, are sought to participate in a study investigating body movements during sitting. Experiments will require subjects to undergo measures of strength and balance, and to sit down on chairs of different height. Subjects must be able to read English, to sit and stand independently, to walk a distance of 15 ft. (with or without the use of a cane), must have no neurological disease, no amputations, severe arthritis, or other debilitating orthopedic problems; and must be able to read newspaper print from a distance of two feet, with or without corrective lenses. Experiments will be conducted at the Biomechanics Lab of S.F. General Hospital, 1001 Potrero Ave. Subjects will be paid \$10 per hour, and the tests are expected to take 3-4 hours. Contact James Chiu, Barbara Jordan, or Steve Robinovitch at 206-6865.

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The tournament, to be held in Longview, Texas, Dec. 11-15 each year pits eight high school and four junior college teams. Members of the teams must hold a 3-point or higher grade point average to receive an invitation to participate in the tourney, which is hosted by Junior Achievement.

ISA hopes to send a 13-member team under coach Donna Castro with the aid

of eight parents. They will be put up by host families in the Longview area.

The tournament regularly attracts recruiters from various colleges around the nation, which contributes to the air of importance of the event to prep hoopsters.

Proceeds from dances and car washes have helped to raise funds for the "Lady Cobras," but the amount raised is not yet sufficient. Donations may be made to the International Studies Academy, Attention "Lady Cobras," at ISA, 693 Vermont St., San Francisco 94107. The phone is 695-5866. The deadline is November 5.

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ARTISTS' EXHIBIT AT GOAT HILL



Longtime residents of Potrero Hill, and established artists John Connolly and Sachitsumi, are featured in an exhibit at Goat Hill Pizza, 300 Connecticut St., opening November 10 with a special reception on that date from 2-4 p.m. This exhibit will be on display through the end of December. The above work in pen and ink is by Connolly.

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Hill Artist Creates Musical Instruments at Dump Site

By Carol Peterson

Greacian Goeke, an artist residing on Potrero Hill, is also Artist-in-Residence at a location that seems, at first glance, to be low on your list of aesthetically pleasing places to visit in San Francisco — the City Dump.

Goeke, whose artistic focus is on drama and creative movement, is currently using her talents to create performance projects with several local elementary school classes. Through her artist-in-residence status with NorCal Waste Systems, she and the children comb our City Dump for the materials to hand craft unique percussion instruments.

These "finds" are taken to her on-site studio to be assembled, stenciled, and

painted to create new and unusual forms of musical instruments with a twist — each component is a recycled item. Then this strange orchestra becomes the accompaniment for the finished project: a playlet that features more salvaged items from our city dump.

NorCal's artist-in-residence program was the first of its kind and this ingenious project is now being used as a model for similar efforts currently being developed in several other U.S. cities. Artists are granted salvage rights and given an on-site studio for a period of four to six months.

Jacqui line Rae Tripp, Director of Special Programs for NorCal, noted that this highly successful program has one consistent low point: the artists all would like to stay on for more than their allotted time. Some of the finished projects are exhibited throughout the NorCal offices and principally at the Joseph Edward Johnson Memorial Sculpture, a beautifully landscaped area overlooking the bay at the top of the NorCal facility. Goeke's is the first residency to focus on the performing arts, the other artists having concentrated on sculpture or multi-media works.

NorCal furnishes tours that include the garden and all other facets of the recycling and waste management operation. Tours can be arranged (hard hat included) by calling Tripp at (415) 553-2913. If you are interested in attending the performance project, the curtain rises at the Charles Drew Elementary School (50 Pomona St.) assembly on Thursday, Nov. 22, promptly at 8:55 a.m.



Students at the Charles Drew School were kept busy restructuring old materials into works of art under the guidance of Potrero Hill's Greacian Goeke.

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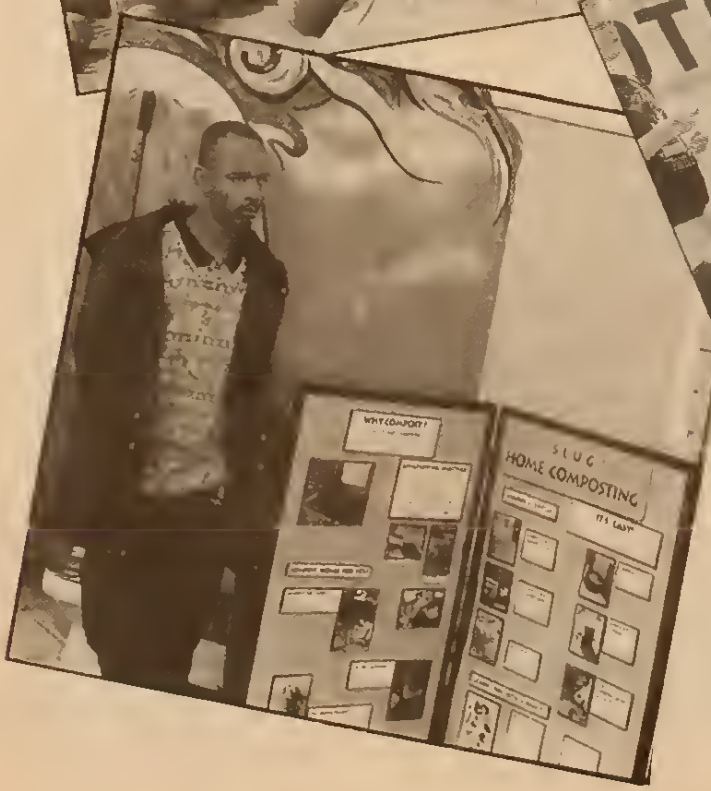
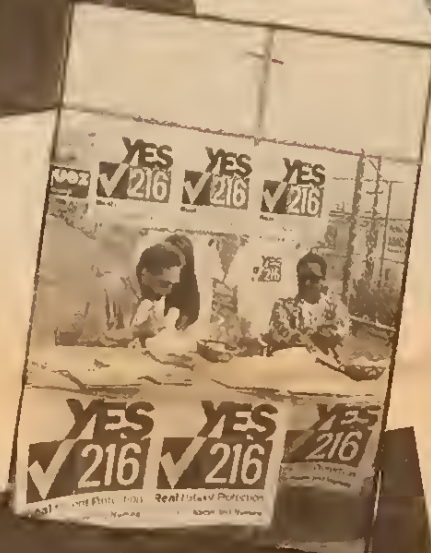
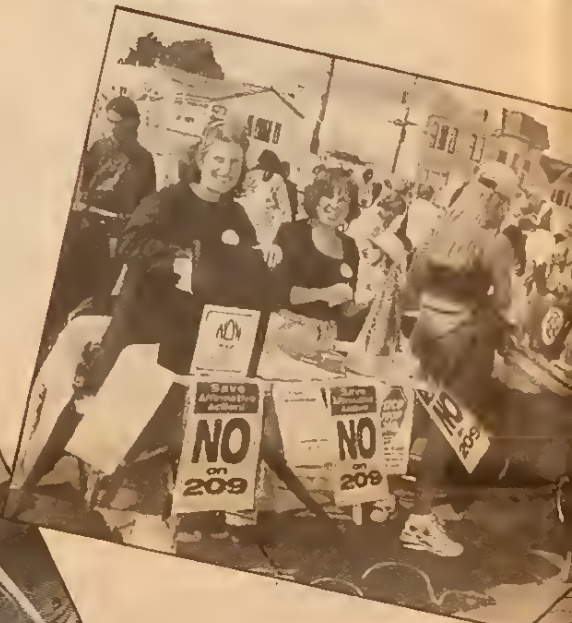
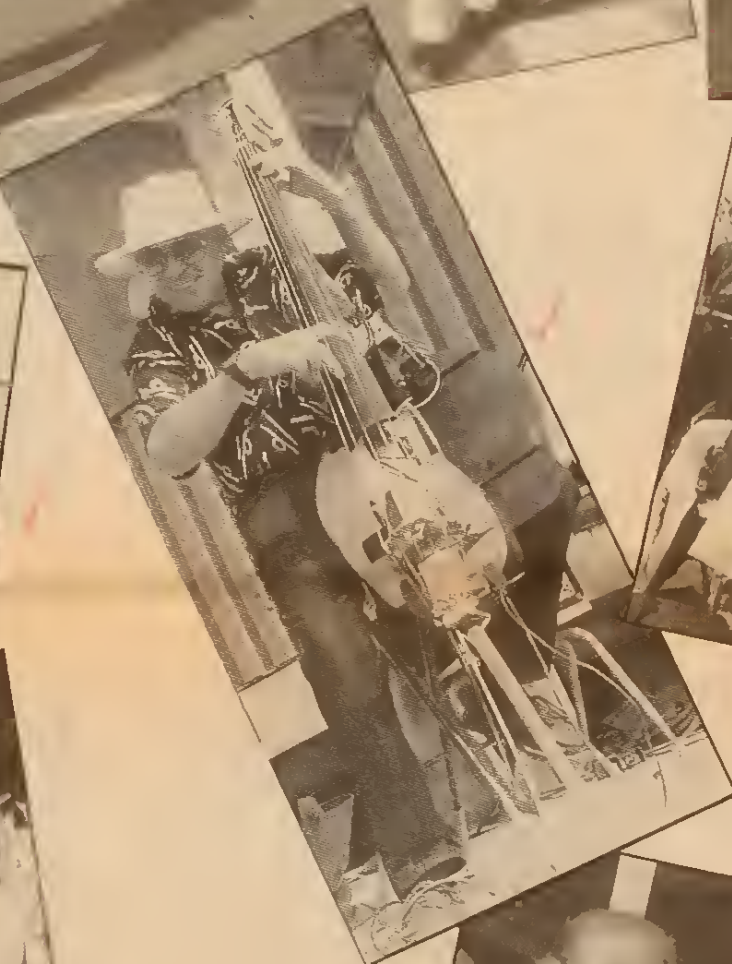
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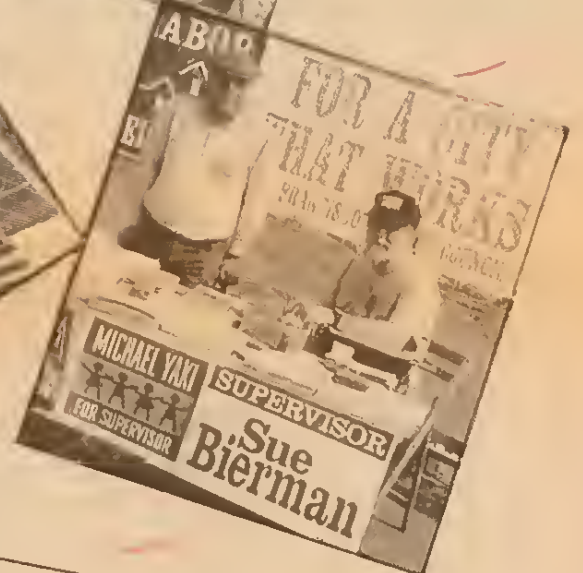
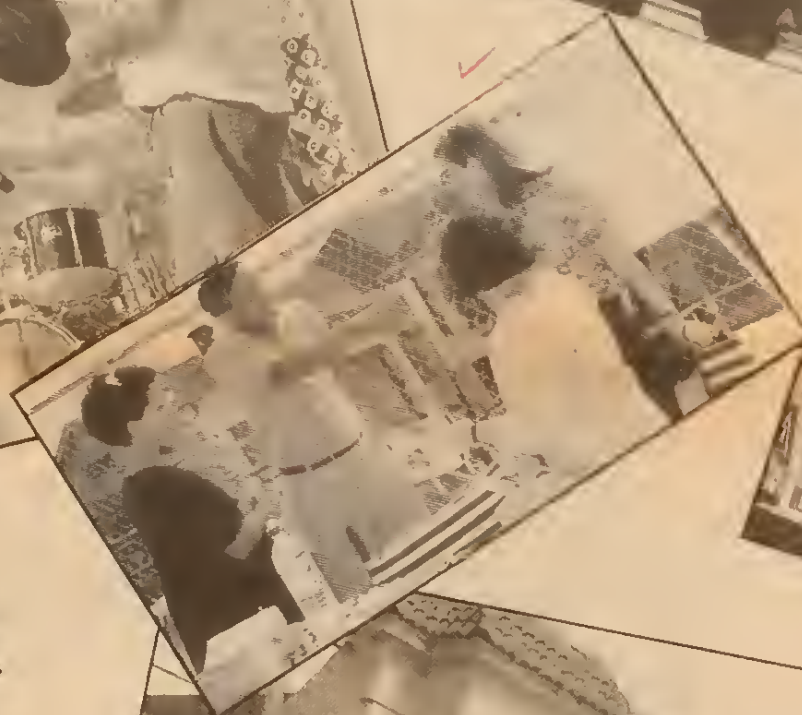
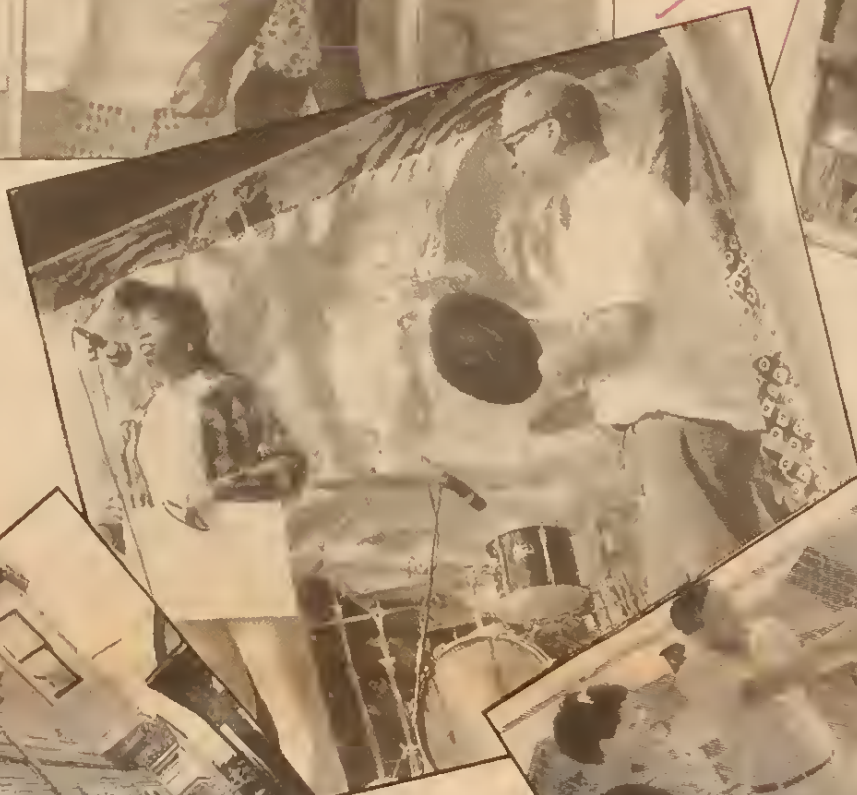
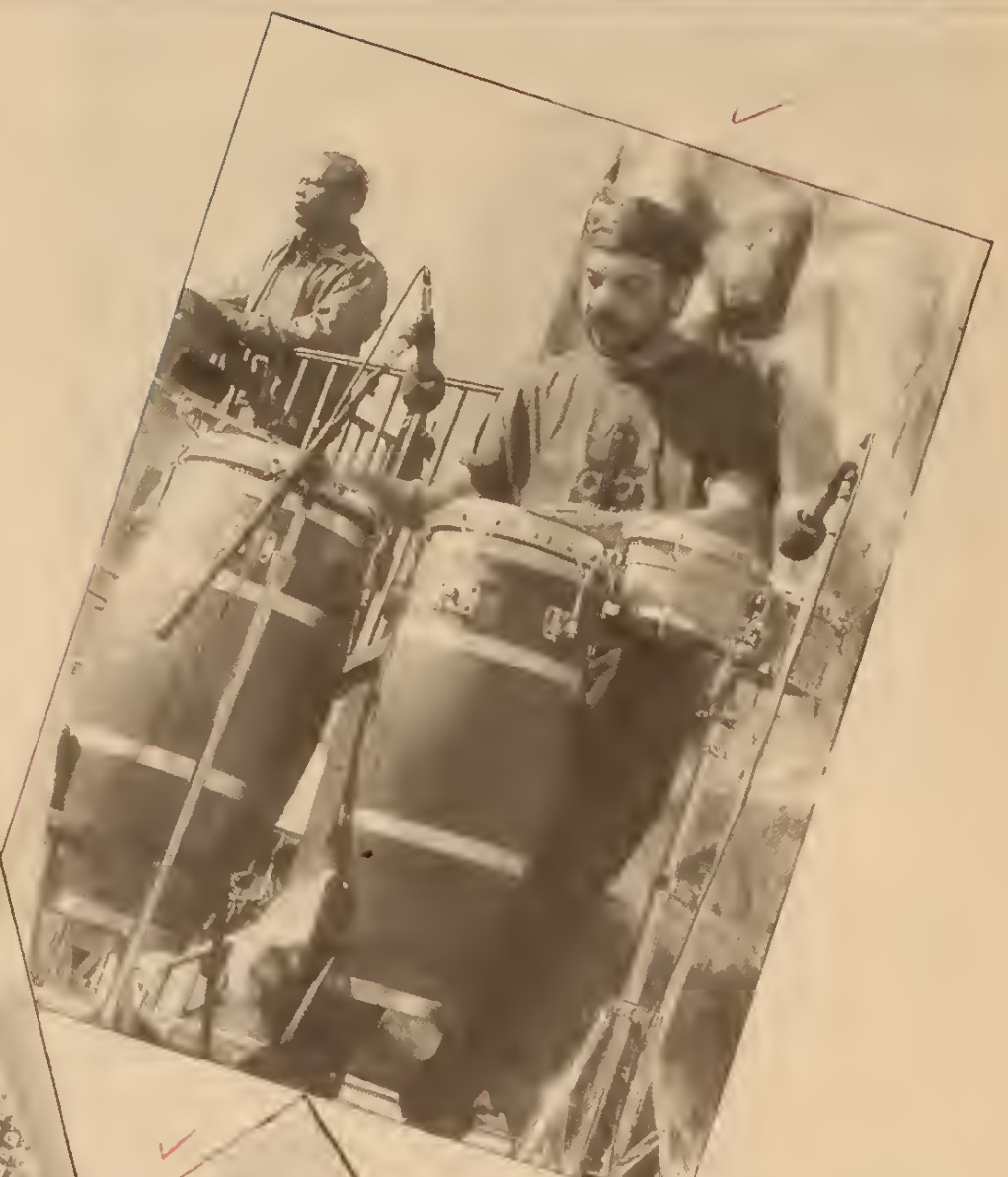
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